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BROWNBACK CONGRATULATES KANSAN WIRELESS SAMARITAN AWARD WINNER

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback today offered words of praise for Nathan Foster of Salina, Kansas for his actions which earned him the honor of being named one of America's 2000 Wireless Phone Samaritans.

"Nathan Foster is to be commended for his life-saving actions," Brownback said. "His quick thinking in using his wireless phone to call paramedics and then administering CPR helped to save a woman's life.

"With the growing number of wireless phone users across the nation today, I am hopeful that while unfortunate emergencies will continue to occur, emergency response units will be alerted sooner, thus saving lives through quicker response times. I tip my hat to Nathan and all those whose actions work toward saving lives," Brownback said.

Mr. Foster earned the Wireless Phone Samaritan Award for alerting paramedics on his wireless phone and keeping the paramedics updated on an emergency situation that occurred at a rural Kansas lake. Mr. Foster and several other bystanders noticed a woman struggling to stay above water after she had been swept approximately 200 feet from the shore by a strong current. Some of the bystanders swam to the woman's assistance, but by the time the swimmers got her back to shore, she showed no signs of life. Mr. Foster and a friend administered CPR and were able to revive her. The paramedics arrived, and the woman recovered at the hospital.

Each year, the wireless industry recognizes the outstanding public service and citizenship of individuals who have used their phones to summon help in emergency situations through the VITA Wireless Samaritan Awards. ('Vita' is Latin for life.) The awards are given by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association (CTIA) which recognizes a Wireless Samaritan from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.